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April is a very busy month in Elder/Human Services. There are more programs than space for detailed descriptions. If you are looking for more information about a particular program or entertainment, please give the Receptionist a call at the Pleasant Street Center (781) 942-6794.

As a reminder the Pleasantries is available on-line for free. To sign-up go to the Town website at <u>www.readingma.gov</u>. In the top right hand corner you will see a link: E-Subscribe. By clicking on that link you can sign-up for various newsletters and town-wide information. If you are having trouble connecting, one of our computer instructors would be glad to help.

SPECIAL EVENTS





There is **NO** van service on April 21, Patriot's Day (center is closed)

Brain Yoga - Tuesday, Tuesday, April 1, 10:15

Movie Day - Captain Phillips Thursday, April 3, 1:15

Opening Day at Fenway - Thursday, April 3, Noon

Improve Your Balance - Tuesday, April 8, 10:15 with Vinny Gatto

Spring Special Lunch - Tuesday, April 8, Noon

Hearts of Chocolate - Wednesday, April 9, 1:00

Parker Middle School Cribbage Tournament - Wednesday, April 9, 2:30

GAMES GAMES with NHS - Thursday, April 10 3:00 - 5:00

Birthday Lunch - Monday, April 14, Noon

AARP Smart Driving Class - Monday, April 14, 9:30

Fuel Assistance, Tuesday, April 15 9:00 – 12:00 Town Hall

Lunch n' Learn Reading Fire Dept. MOLST - Tuesday, April 15, 12:00

Stoneham Theatre, The Unbleached American, Wednesday, April 16, 2:00

Lunch n' Learn Good Nutrition - Thursday, April 17, 12:00

Bingo & Pizza Night - Thursday, April 24, 4 - 5:30 (seniors & kids)

Sundaes on Monday - Monday, April 28, noon

Healthy Eating for Successful Living Tuesday April 29 – June 3, 10:00



IMPORTANT SYMBOLS Registration Required 781-942-6794 Free Transportation

Reservations start Tuesday, March 26 Please call by noon at least two days before the event. Cancellations after 4:00 p.m. - leave a message.

781-942-6794

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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Fix It,:- Leave the lamp at the reception desk any day. You only pay for parts.

Brain Yoga: April 1, 10:15 - Come join us for a FREE sample class of Brain Yoga on Tues., April 1. Learn fun exercises that stimulate the brain. A new 6 week series starts on Tues., April 8 11:00-12:00 Cost \$20 for the series or \$5 drop in.

Opening Day at Fenway: Thurs., April 3, 12:00 Baseball Trivia Game with prizes. Get in the spirit, wear your Red Sox gear.

Movie Day: Thurs. April 3, 1:15, Captain Pbillips. Starring Tom Hanks who is taken hostage by Somali pirates.

Improve your balance: Tues., April 8, 10:15, Vinny Gatto, Winchester Hosp./ Orthopaedics Plus. Learn helpful exercises to sharpen your balance. Know your weak areas and what to do about them. Learn how other considerations such as medications, nutrition and environmental factors impact your balance.

Spring Special Lunch Tues., April 8, 12:00 with story teller/entertainer David Shikes.

Hearts of Chocolate: Weds., April 9, 1:00 Celebrate Easter (chocolate is good for your heart) while exploring working with chocolate. Make lollipops, truffles and chocolate. Fee paid to instructor (all supplies included): \$3.00 per student

Parker Middle School Cribbage Tournament: Weds., April 9, 2:30 @ Parker Middle School. Friendly competition with very skill middle schoolers. New players needed, contact Jane at (781) 942-6658 to play.

Games Games: Thurs., April 10, 3:00 - 5:00 The National Honor Society is back hosting an afternoon of board games. Come and enjoy friendly games of Rummikub, cribbage, checkers, Scrabble and more! Refreshments will be served.

AARP Smart Driving Class - Mon., April 14, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The largest refresher course for drivers age 50+. The aim is for drivers to better understand updated technologies, provide a refresher on the rules of the road, and learn strategies to compensate for changes in vision, hearing, or response time. \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for nonmembers. PRE-REGISTER /PREPAY required. 12 Min./25 Max.

Birthday Lunch: Mon., April 14, Noon Your lunch is free. If it is not your birthday month suggested donation for lunch is \$2.00.

Fuel Assistance: Tues., April 15, 9:00 - 12:00, Help with applying for Fuel Assistance located at Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Lower Level. This assistance will continue until May 2014. Fifteen minute appointments may be made by calling (781) 942-6608. Sorry, no drop-ins.

Reading Fire Dept. Tuesday, April 15 - Lunch (12:00) n' Learn (12:30) Joe Lapolla, EMS coordinator, to talk about the new MOLST form- (Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment).

Stoneham Theatre, The Unbleached American, Weds, April 16, 2:00 pm. Bring a Friend Day. Buy one ticket for \$30 and receive a free ticket. The story of Ernest Hogan, the "father of ragtime". Checks payable to the Stoneham Theatre due to the Receptionist by April 4.

Lunch n' learn April 17 - Lunch (12:00) n' Learn (12:30) - 1:00 "Cook and Chat About Good Nutrition"; Join Candace Quigley, Registered Dietitian, for a cooking demo. Candace will also discuss the importance of eating the MyPlate way. Lunch reservations required.

S.H.I.N.E. Counseling - (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Computer Room - Friday, April 18, 10:00 - 3:00 By appointment (781) 942-6794.

Bingo/Pizza Night - Thurs., April 24, 4:00 - 5:30 pm. It is School vacation week so bring the grandkids for this intergenerational bingo night. The Recreation Dept. & Elder Services are partnering for this fun program. Pizza, prizes, etc. Free for Reading Residents. Registration required.

Healthy Eating for Successful Living Tues., April 29 – June 3, 10:00 - 12:30 - 6 week series. Nutrition and lifestyle changes can promote better health. The program stresses heart and bone health strategies that are important to preventing or managing most chronic health conditions and maintain independence.

Sundaes on Monday, April 28, 12:00 Join us for lunch, then make your own sundaes.

Lunch is Served: Noon. Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a good meal, conversation, and occasional entertainment. Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, \$3.50).

CLASSES, CRAFTS & GAMES

Art Lessons with Steve Greco: Tues., 9:30 – 12:00 2 ½ hours for \$10.00. Steve will teach any medium



Klickity Klack (Knitting Group): Weds., 9:30 - 11:0 Arts & Crafts Rm. New knitters welcome.

Painting Group: Fri., 10:00 - 12:30 (No Van)

Computer Classes: Learn to use email, send pictures, use the internet. We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if vou want.

Dick & John -Wednesdays @ 9:00 - 11:00

Sophia - Wednesdays @ 2:30

Ethan - Thursdays with Ethan @ 1:00

Cribbage: Mon., 1:00 - 3:00

Billiards: (No van) Weds, 10:00 - 11:15 Pool table is available Monday - Friday

Chess: Fri., 1:00 - 3:00 (No van).

Bingo: Tues. /Thurs. 1:00 - 2:30 No Bingo on April 3

Party Bridge: Fri., 12:45 - 3:15 \$1.00 to play, New Players Welcome! (No Van)

MAH JONGG: Thurs., 12:30 - 3:30

Quilting: Weds, April 2 & 16, 1:00 Learn great technique for how to change a block size and other great tips Come try it out. Class size is limited. Call Edwina 781-944-6398 for more information.

Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser - Monday, April 7, 9:30 - 1:00 by appointment call (781) 245-6605

For facials, manicures, chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

Facials - Thursday, April 3 & 17, 9:00 - 11:00 Choose 15 min./ \$5 or 30 min. /\$10.

Chair Massage - Thursday, April 3 & 17, 9:00 - 11:45, Receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

Manicures - Thursday, April 10 & 24, 9:30 - 1:00, \$6.00 or \$7.00 French.

FITNESS

Motion to Music - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 -10:00. \$20/month; NOTE: \$15/month - any 5 classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session.

B.E.S.T. - Balance, Energy, Strength, Training Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 Lounge. Drop-in \$3/Session.

Yoga - Mondays - 11:00 - 12:00, 5 weeks for \$50 of drop-in \$11/Session. Increase your strength, flexibility and balance.

Zumba Gold with Kelli - Mondays & Wednesdays 9:15 - 10:15 - Drop-in \$5/session. Zumba is fun...

Tai Chi - "FOREVER 49" - Tai Chi, Chi Gong, Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 \$40/Mon. Drop-in \$10/Session class

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The times listed below are expected time of arrival at the destination. Please be ready 45 minutes prior to the time stated (for example if the shopping time is 9:30 you should be ready by 8:45).

Woburn Mall, Target or Kohl's for everyone Monday, April $7^{th} \sim 1:00 - 2:30$ p.m. & April $28^{th} \sim 9:00 - 10:30$ a.m.

Wal-Mart for everyone

Monday, April 7th ~ 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. & April 28th ~ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Downtown Errands or Library for everyone Monday, April 14th ~ 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Redstone Shopping Center for everyone Monday, April 14th ~ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m..

Burbank YMCA for everyone ~All Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The Pleasant Street Center is closed Monday April 21st (Patriot's Day)

Neighborhood Shopping Wednesdays ~ 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Cedar Glen Shopping Thursdays ~ 8:45 – 10:00

Tannerville Shopping Fridays ~ 8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Rules of the road...

- All riders must meet the Standards of Independence for participation at the Pleasant Street Center.
- Seatbelts are required until the van comes to a complete stop.
- 4 bags per rider.
- Please be on time for all pickups!
- Be sure to cancel if you have a change of plans.
- Please refrain from the use of colognes and perfumes when riding on the van. It has been known to cause an allergic reaction for some passengers. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Appointments are available by calling Ann Gentile at (781) 942-6608.

If you have mutual funds, dividends, stock sales please bring with you. Make sure all your documents have arrived and bring the following forms: W-2, Social Security, pension, property tax & water bills, forms sent by banks and financial institutions, copies of your 2012 tax forms, health insurance cards, Form MA 1099-HC.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



LiveWires Coffee & More: My Name: My Identity

Memoir Writing Workshop Wed, Apr 9, 9:30, Join Nancy Genevieve

Kohl to explore the history & meaning of your name as the town joins in a community-wide reading of *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri part of The Big Read.

LiveWires Presents: What is Marriage For? Tue, Apr 29, 7:00 E.J. Graff, is the author of What Is Marriage For? The Strange Social History of Our Most Intimate Institution.

Drop-in Chess & Parcheesi: Sat, Apr 19, 3:00 For all ages and abilities: enjoy a game whether you are expert or just beginning.

We have added the Indian invented board game Parcheesi in honor of

The Big Read for this month only. Instruction provided.

SENIOR GROUPS

Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Parkinson's Disease Support Group Wed., April 9, 1:30- 3:00; Led by Joan Karpinski MSW, with Greater Medford VNA

Low Vision Group, Weds., April 9 10:15 Dianne Luther, Nurse Advocate Guest Speaker

Not-Too-Stuffy Book Group: Thursday, April 17 1:00, *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, Librarian Andrea Fiorillo and retired English teacher Barbara Currie lead a discussion of *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Meet the Ganguli family, from Calcutta, trying to become Americans in Massachusetts even as they pine for home. The name they bestow on their firstborn, betrays all the conflicts of honoring tradition in a new world. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



HEALTH SCREENINGS

Podiatry Clinic, Mon. – April 14 Call (781) 438-2525 to schedule an appointment. Cost \$30

Blood Pressure Check at Pleasant Street Center, Friday, April 4 10:15 - 10:45 Sponsored by Walgreens

Blood Pressure – 4th – Thursday of every month – (April 24) 11:00 – 12:00 Town nurse

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

Board of Selectmen Office Hours: Tuesday, April 15 - 6:30 - 7:00 - Town Hall Conference Room

COA Meeting: Monday, April 14 - 6:30, Pleasant Street Center

Congressman John F. Tierney:
Issues with Medicare and Social
Security, Guidance with Home
Mortgage Issues, Senior Directed
Identity Scams and tips on How to
protect yourself. Assistance to
Veterans and their families including
help with benefit claims. Consumer
Protection Services

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For information relating to legislative issues affecting seniors, please call Sally Hoyt, Senate President, (781) 944 -1191.

Bingo Winners

For February: Mary Petrillo (twice), Maria Dinjian, Germaine Downer, Stella Zitzow and Romana Pieri

HOLIDAY TRIVIA

This year Easter and Passover overlap. Test your knowledge of both holidays. For answers visit the Receptionist at the Center.

1. Which day is it traditional to make pancakes?

Shrove Tues Ash Weds Good Friday

- 2. What does Palm Sunday celebrate?
 - Jesus rode to Jerusalem on a donkey
 - Jesus rode to Bethlehem on a donkey
 - Jewish festival when palms are laid on the floor
- 3. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Jesus?

20 30 25 100

4. The meal eaten on Passover night is called?

Seder

Korban

Sukkah

5. How many cups of wine are drunk at the festive

meal? 1 3 4 5

6. Passover is celebrated for how many days in countries other than Israel?

7 6 8

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READING ELDER SERVICES

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GLAZED SALMON

Ingredients

- 4 Salmon fillets
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. ground cumin

Place salmon in greased 11 x 7 baking dish; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine the remaining ingredients, spoon over fillets. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 10 - 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Yield: 4 servings

DID YOU KNOW: